Bharuch-Dahej rail line

2184. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project for the Bharuch-Dahej rail connection has been approved;

(b) if so, when the project would be started; and

(c) what is the time-frame for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Working hours in the Ministry of Railways

2185. SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the working hours of the office of the Ministry of Railways;

(b) whether the prescribed working hours are being observed by officers and staff of all categories;

(c) whether it is a fact that female employees are attending and leaving office according to their whims & fancies;

(d) whether Government propose to order some surprise attendance-checks in mornings and evenings, periodically; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): The prescribed Office hours are 9 A.M. to 5.30 P.M. with a lunch break of half-an-hour from 1.00 P.M. to 1.30 P.M.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) and (e) Surprise Punctuality Checks at different times are conducted at regular intervals.

Instructions exist and are reiterated from time to time on regular basis for observance of punctuality in Board's Office. All Heads of the Directorate/ Executive Directors have been requested to ensure punctuality of their subordinate staff. They have also been requested to conduct regular, unannounced and surprise inspections of their branches to see that their staff observe office hours meticulously.

Last such instructions were issued on 30.7.2001.

Vacant posts in CRIS

2186. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre for Railway Information Systems had invited applications from the open market in December, 2000 to fill up some vacant posts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether selection to the advertised posts has since been finanlised;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to re-advertise vacant posts in future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Applications were called for the posts of Software Engineers (Grade Rs. 8000—13500/-), Librarian (Grade Rs. 8000-13500/-) and Receptionist (Grade Rs. 4000—6000).

(c) and (d) Offers for appointment were sent to 16 candidates for the post of Software Engineers, out of which 10 have joined. The remaining six candidates did not respond. No candidates were found eligible for the posts of Librarian and Receptionist.

(e) and (f) There is no proposal at present. Recruitments are done on the basis of works/ projects on hand and availability of funds.